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SUBJ: VISIT OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO HUNGARY

1. DUTCH FONMIN MAX VAN DER STOEL VISITED HUNGARY FEB 17-FEB 19 AND DISCUSSED BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS WITH PARTY FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR, PRESIDENT PAL LOSONCZI AND FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA. SHORT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED WITH PARTIAL LIST OF TOPICS DISCUSSED, I.E. CSCE, MBFR, PROBLEMS OF MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS AND ANGOLA.

2. DUTCH EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED THAT NO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS RESULTED FROM THE TALKS, ALTHOUGH HUNGARIANS WERE ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE CONSULAR AND EXPANDED TRADE AND CULTURAL TREATIES.

3. VAN DER STOEL HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS ON INTERNATIONAL

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QUESTIONS WITH PUJA AND KADAR. DUTCH REPORTED THAT PUJA

PRESENTED HARD-LINE COMMUNIST VIEW OF SITUATION IN ANGOLA, IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE BASKET THREE PROVISIONS AND ALLEGED ATTEMPT BY WEST TO GAIN MILITARY ADVANTAGE THROUGH MBFR TALKS. VAN DER STOEL TOLD PUJA THAT COMMUNIST SUPPORT FOR ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION THREATENED VIABILITY OF UN, THAT WARSAW PACT SHOULD SUPPORT ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS INTO UN AND THAT IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE OF EAST EUROPEANS WAS UNDERMINING PROGRESS OF DETENTE.

4. MEETING WITH KADAR WAS MORE RELAXED, LESS POLEMICAL AND DEALT WITH WAYS IN WHICH EAST AND WEST CAN EASE TENSIONS AROUND WORLD.

5. DUTCH EMBASSY WAS STRUCK WITH COLD-WAR ORTHODOXY OF FONMIN PUJA, WHO APPEARED TO BE SPEAKING AS MUCH FOR MOSCOW AS BUDAPEST. VAN DER STOEL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT UNFORTUNATE THAT VISIT STARTED OFF WITH MEETINGS WITH PUJA INSTEAD OF FIRST SECRETARY KADAR. LATER IMPRESSED DUTCH AS REASONABLE LEADER GENUINELY CONCERNED WITH REDUCTION OF EAST-WEST TENSION.
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